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Religious Intelligence.

One hundred and twenty-three candidates were proponed for admission to Rev. E. F. Hatfield's church, in New York, April 20th, being a portion of the fruits of a revival which has been in progress in that church for several months. Numerous revivals have attended the faithfulness of Mr. Hatfield's labors for years past.

Rev. Dr. Baynes, of Philadelphia, has written a work on Justification, in which he asserts and defends the distinction between justification and pardon; and vigorous attacks those persons who hold that Christ's moral character is literally transferred to his people. Dr. Barnes, author, as a religious writer, is one of his best merits.

The Great Provincial Council of the Roman Catholic church will commence in Baltimore on the 6th of May and continue until the 13th. The Archbishop of Baltimore will preside. There will be an attempt of the Bishops from Richmond, Wheeling, Pittsburgh, Erie and Philadelphia—the Sees of Savannah and Charleston being vacant by death. This is the first provincial Council since the division of the United States into several archdioceses.

The American Unitarian Association has sent a missionary to India, the Rev. C. H. Dakin, the first foreign missionary ever sent by the denomination. Mr. Dakin's object is rather one of exploration than of permanent occupancy.

The Methodist Protestant conference has raised the salary of unmarried preachers to \$150 per year, and of married preachers to \$300, adding \$10 for every child under 15 years of age. How can they live upon these pitiful amounts? Is one of the mysteries not yet explained?

Rev. S. L. Van is a Methodist preacher in Canterbury, Ct., has been suspended from the exercise of his ministerial functions, on account of heresy. According to Mr. Van's account, his heresies were "that a man is a progressive being, and that a hand cannot easily be converted into an angel of light."

The correspondent of the *Christian Inquirer* was recently attacked in a Quaker meeting, in Philadelphia.

Our school was more ancient than the one recently established in Lyman, by Rev. Mr. Cooke. That was founded to the same church 200 years ago. Yours was older than the creation. Success is sure, if silence were not a curse. Let us hold to our principles, that silent worship is often quite as effective and improving to their spirits as the most eloquent preaching."

The proclamation of the imminent conception of the virgin is having an effect quite the reverse of what was intended by it among the people of Italy. They worship the virgin with a reverence hardly inferior to God, but the attempt to increase that reverence by a new article of faith has led to division, to doubt, and expressions of disownment and repudiation in many catholic circles. Not only the truth of the dogma doubted, but the argument by which it is sustained is pronounced heretical and inconclusive, and many go so far as to intimate that the only thing really established by its proclamation is the fallibility of the pope.

The Halifax Missionary says it is a fact worthy to be recorded, that while we carry conversions to the Roman sect have taken place among the clergy of the Church of England, during the last few years, no one has occurred among the ministers of the church of Scotland, or any of the dissenting bodies.

The Central Congregational Church of Hartford, Ct., never dissolved a pastor, and never settled one who had previously settled. All its pastors have begun and ended their ministerial work in it. Would there were more such churches.

The Bishop of Balaia said he was surprised at two things:—that the Roman Catholics, who say the Scripture is very eloquent, nevertheless rarely explain it in their sermons; and that the protestants, who say that the Scripture is clear as day, nevertheless explain it always.

Instances are cited of earnestness, perseverance, and persistent labor in the Gospel that appear at the present day sounding and almost insipid. Bishop Bishop of two dioceses, preached daily. Tobias Matthews, Bishop of Durham, eighty years old, preached daily. John Wesley is said to have preached 40,000 times in fifty years.

A recent convention of ultra abolitionists in Cincinnati, Mr. Orson Murray announced that he was an ex-Baptist, and had formerly been editor of the Baptist organ in Vermont. He laid down the following blasphemous proposition:

The Bible was pro-slavery as well as anti-slavery—it took both sides. That book contained some good things. It declared, "whatever ye do, go ye do it heartily." Any good done to the slaves, I am sure, was done by the slaves themselves. One hundred years before it was said by Jesus Christ of Nazareth, if such a person ever lived. The speaker then went on to comment on certain parts of the Bible, and claimed that the slaves were Mahomedan polygamists, and many other acknowledged wrongs. Higher grounds must be taken.

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